V. *Mr.* Alexander Orme's *pectoral Syrup, ſent in a Letter to Sir* Hans Sloane, *Bart. &c. from* Culcutte, *dated* Jan. 25. 1733.

℞ Nantsjera Patsja *Horti* Malabarici *cum toto q. v. Inciſ. & contuſ. coq. ex aquæ font. q. ſ. Colaturæ fortiter expreſſ. adde Sacchari par pondus, & coque ad Syrupi conſiſtentiam abſque clarificatione.*

Some Uſes of the pectoral Syrup.

A Drop or two, with a little Honey, given to new-born Infants, greatly helps the neceſſary cleanſing of the Bowels. Three or Four Drops are a ſafe Puke for them, and cleanſe the Stomach and Bowels from that Phlegm that cauſes their Gripes.

It is of great Service in moſt Aſthma's, and has relieved, when the beſt Remedies have failed. If the Fit is violent, give a large Spoonful of it, which will ſoon procure a Vomit or two. If the Fit is moderate, Two Tea Spoonfuls three times a Day will be ſufficient.

In Fevers that are attended with a laborious Breathing, it has been found ſerviceable.

It is excellent in the Small-pox, as well to vomit in the Beginning, as to help on the neceſſary Salivation in the confluent Sort.

It helps Coughs, and promotes Expectoration.

From theſe few Hints, a Phyſician will be able to adjuſt its Uſe in other Diſtempers. I ſhould not re-

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recommend it, had not repeated Experience convinced me of its Uſefulneſs: And that it may be of Uſe to Poſterity, I mean to Phyſicians that are really ſuch, I give the Receipt of it to be given to the Preſident and Cenſors of the College of Phyſicians, *London*.

VI. *A Letter from the Revd Mr.* Henry Miles *to Mr.* John Eames, F. R. S. *concerning the* Seed *of* Fern.

SIR,

IN the Edition which the celebrated *Boerhaave* and *Gaubius* have given us of *Swammerdam's Biblia Naturæ, ſive Hiſtoria Inſectorum*, in *Dutch* and *Latin*, 2 Vol. in Fol. printed at *Leyden* 1737. and 1738. we have an Epiſtolary Diſſertation on the Seed of the Male *Fern*, together with a very curious Cut, repreſenting the Seed-veſſels, their Mechaniſm, and the Seed, as viewed by a good Microſcope; inſerted at the End of the ſaid Hiſtory. The Cut I have attempted, with my unskilful Hand, to draw, as well as I could; and, poſſibly, it may help you to conceive of the Form of what it is deſigned to repreſent, in ſome meaſure.

The Author, I find, claims to himſelf the having firſt diſcovered the Seed of *Fern*, in his Diſſertation, at the Beginning: "You rightly judge" (ſays he to his Friend) "me to have been the firſt," *&c.* *Boerhaave* ſays,